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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER

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1. U.S. COVERAGE.

--ALL MEDIA FEATURE REPORTS ON SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT, HIS NOV 30 MEETING WITH BREZHNEV AND THE SPEECHES, ESPECIALLY BREZHNEV'S, AT THE LUNCHEON THAT DAY (SEPTTEL).

--PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THE NOV 30 MEETING OF THE SOVIET-U.S. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL ADDRESSED BY SECRETARY SIMON AND SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV. THE TASS ACCOUNT SAYS THAT A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WAS READ TO THE MEETING.

--LIT GAS CARRIES A FEATURE ARTICLE ON PLAINS, GEORGIA, BY GENRIKH BOROVIK. ARTICLE DESCRIBES CARTER FAMILY DOMINANCE OF SMALL TOWN, RESULTS OF ITS SUDDEN FAME, ARRIVALS ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS OF BUSH AND KISSINGER, AND BOROVIK'S CONVERSATIONS WITH JODY POWELL AND OTHERS. INDIRECT ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT IS FAVORABLE BUT CAUTIOUS, SAYING THAT SOME OF HIS CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS WERE "CONTRADICTIONARY" BUT THAT HE HAS CAPACITY TO SERVE "INTERESTS OF WORLD PEACE".

--IZVESTIYA'S YU. SHTYKANOV WRITES A LONG DESCRIPTION OF THE TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR IN WASHINGTON, HIGHLIGHTING PARK'S HIGH LIFE-STYLE, HIS PAYMENTS TO CONGRESSMEN AND HIS ALLEGED TIES TO THE SOUTH KOREAN CIA. THE ARTICLE ENDS BY CHARGING THAT U.S. AID TO THE ROK IN EFFECT FINANCED PARK'S ACTIVITIES.

--LIT GAZ CARRIES EVEN MORE THAN ITS USUAL NUMBER OF BLASTS AT THE CIA. ONE ARTICLE, BY EDGAR CHEPOROV FROM LONDON, REPORTS IN SOME DETAIL THE UK GOVERNMENT'S EXPULSION ORDERS TO FORMER CIA AGENT PHILIP AGEE AND JOURNALIST MARK HOSENBALL. ANOTHER SHORT ITEM REPORTS A SERIES OF PRO-CIA BOOKS BEING PUBLISHED BY FORMER OFFICIALS. FINALLY, CORRESPONDENT GENNADIY GERASIMOV FILLS NEARLY A WHOLE PAGE WITH A COMMENTARY CHARGING THAT THE REVELATIONS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS ABOUT CIA/FBI ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES, HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LED TO NO CHANGES IN THE GOALS OR OPERATIONS OF THOSE AGENCIES.

2. IN OTHER COVERAGE:

--PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT THAT AN AEROFLOT PLANE CRASHED ON NOVEMBER 28 NEAR MOSCOW'S SHERMET'YEVO AIRPORT. THE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT EXPRESSED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S CNDOLENCES TO THE RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE  
ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE WEAPONS TEST BAN (CTB)  
RESOLUTION AND PRAVDA CARRIES LONG ARTICLE BY DISARMAMENT  
COMMENTATOR K. BORISOV PUMPING FOR A WORLDWIDE TREATY.  
AUTHOR STRESSES THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS MUST PARTICIPATE  
IN EFFORTS TO GET CTB AND MAKES POINT OF IMPORTANCE OF TTBT  
AS INTERIM STEP.

--M.E. COVERAGE IN CENTRAL PRESS REMAINS VERY LIGHT.

--IZVESTIYA NOTES THAT THE SHAH OF IRAN RECEIVED  
S.A. SKACHKOV, CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR  
FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS (GKES) AND LEADER OF SOVIET  
DELEGATION TO SEVENTH REVIEW OF STANDING SOVIET-IRANIAN  
COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IZVESTIYA ALSO  
NOTES MEETING IN MOSCOW BETWEEN FIRST DEP. CHAIRMAN  
GKES, V. G. MOKOZOV, AND LIBYAN MIN. INDUSTRY AND  
MINERAL EALTH TALHI AND MIN. ELECTRICITY ARBASH.

--ONLY AFRICA NEWS OF NOTE IS GENEVA DATELINED  
ARTICLE IN PRAVDA BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS I. MEL'NIKOV  
AND P. YEGOROV IN WHICH NKOMO TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT  
PATRIOTIC FRONT "WOULD LIKE TO SEE PEACEFUL AND  
ORGANIZED PATH" TOWARD TRANSFER OF POWER. HE WENT ON  
TO SAY THAT ONLY PATRIOTIC FRONT, UNITING ZANU AND ZAPU,  
RESOLUTELY OPPOSED FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND COLONALISM,  
AND THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN EXCLUDES PARTICIPATION OF  
AFRICAN MAJORITY. HE ADDED THAT "WE DECISIVELY REJECT  
THIS DEAL BEHIND THE BACKS OF OUR PEOPLE."

--TASS LIMA ARTICE CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL PRESS  
REPORTS AWARD OF MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL TO BREZHNEV BY  
PERU-SOVIET ASSOCIATION OF CULTURAL RELATIONS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE DEPARTURE FOR  
HAVANA OF SOVIET DELEGATION, LED BY POLITBURO MEMBER  
G. V. ROMANOV, TO ATTEND FIRST SESSION OF CUBAN  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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--IZVESTIYA'S FRONT PAGE INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY,  
BY V. KONDRASHOV, REPORTS THE RECENT PASSAGE BY THE  
INDIAN PARLIAMENT OF BHE BILL AMENDING THE CONSITUTION.  
THE COMMENTARY DESCRIBES EARLIER OBSTREPEROUS ACTS BY  
THE COURTS THWARTING THE GOVERNMENT, SAYS THAT THE CHANGES  
WILL SERVE SOCIAL/ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND NOTES THAT  
THE CPI SUPPORTED THE BILL. KONDRASHOV CLOSES BY  
CHARGING THAT THE LAMENTS OF THE WESTERN PRESS OVER  
"THREATS" TO INDIAN DEMOCRACY AMOUNT TO "CROCODILE TEARS"  
IN THE SERVICE OF "FEUDAL-MONOPOLY CIRCLES AND FORCES  
OF REACTION".

--PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN", BY VLADIMIR  
BOLSHAKOV, DISCUSSES THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND  
DEVALUATIONS, CHARGING THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENTS  
IN BOTH COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ELECTED ON PROMISES OF BEING

ABLE TO HANDLE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. BUT THIS STEP, TOGETHER  
WITH CONTINUING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SAYS BOL'SHAKOV, SHOWS  
THAT THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED.  
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